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INTERVIEWS ON RELOCATION TO BEGIN MON.

The Relocation office will begin to call in heads of families Monday to determine their plans concerning relocation, announced Claude Pratt.

"With the closing of the center but a few weeks away," said Pratt, "it is tremendously important that the relocation office know the plans of the people so that adequate arrangements can be made for transportation."

To avoid any last-minute confusion in scheduling special trains and cars, everyone is requested to come in for interviews when called.

George Young and Emory Fast, relocation officers, will assist members of the relocation division in conducting these interviews.

Arrangements will be made to hold interviews in block managers' office for those who live far from the relocation office.

RELOCATION PLAN TOLD TO EVACUEE LEADERS

WRA's plan of scheduled relocation, announced by the Times in a special edition Wednesday was explained to evacuee leaders on the same day by Project Director L.T. Hoffman and Philip M. Glick, Assistant WRA Director from Washington.

SURVEY FIGURES REVEALED

The recent Community Council's survey on residents' relocation plans and school age children revealed that 2953 persons have no relocation plans as of August 2, announced Mrs. Narahara, council chairman. Of this sum 770 were school age children.

A total of 1,100 persons stated they had definite plans on relocating.

Hoffman assured Councilmen and representatives of the Block Managers, Inter-Faith and Red Cross organizations that WRA will schedule relocation to any place residents wish to go and will not send them where at least temporary housing is not available.

Segregates will not be scheduled for relocation until the War and Justice departments announced policy decisions regarding them he added.

Glick pointed out that the great majority of persons in relocation centers have been free to go out since last December 17 and that more than 45,000 already are reestablished outside. If WRA is to continue to do a good job, he said, it must schedule departures and not leave thousands to be moved out in the last weeks.

He added that many lawyers think the recent Stockton Theaters court decisions was wrong and that it is still being appealed.

FAREWELL TEA

A farewell tea was given in honor of Mrs. Roscoe Bell by the USO yesterday afternoon at Rec. 4.

She has been their adviser since the beginning.

SGT. JIRO YOSHIZAWA AWARDED BRONZE STAR FOR HEROIC ACTION

WITH THE FIFTH ARMY, ITALY—Sergeant Jiro Yoshizawa, a Topaz volunteer and formerly of Oakland, California, recently was awarded the Bronze Star for heroic achievement in action in the Maritime Alps before his unit returned to participate in the Fifth Army's final drive in Italy.

A member of the 442nd Japanese American Combat Team, Yoshizawa was cited for protecting his wounded platoon leader from possible German attack of capture. He was then a private first class in a rifle company.

Yoshizawa's "courage and devotion to his wounded patrol leader are in accordance with the finest traditions of the United States Army," the citation read.

Yoshizawa was working in Detroit, Michigan, when he entered the service August 26, 1943. He trained at Camp Shelby, Mississippi, and went overseas in May, 1944. In addition to the Bronze Star, he wears the European Theater Ribbon with four battle stars, the Combat Infantryman Badge and Good Conduct Medal. His brother, Private First Class Hajime Yoshizawa, is a member of the 442nd Central Postal Directory.

Their parents, Mr. and Mrs. K. Yoshizawa, who resided at 10-12-CD, have relocated to Cleveland, Ohio.

IKEDA, FUJIMOTO TAKE WRA JOBS

Kihoi Ikeda, legal aide to the project attorney, and Miss Toshie Fujimoto, secretary to the project director, have accepted positions with WRA in San Francisco.

Ikeda, who has served both the residents and administration in legal and evacuee property matters, left in the August 15 special train. A leader in Buddhist church circles, Ikeda has accepted the position because of the service he can render to returnees.

Miss Fujimoto left for a secretarial position in the San Francisco office.

POPULATION REPORT

January 3, 1945.....5974

One week ago.....4100

Today.....3882